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The publication entitled "Yokogawa's Confocal Microscope" is discussed beginning at the top of page 2 of the present specification.

The publication entitled "Nipkow's Disk Type Confocal Fluorescent Microscope" is discussed in the present specification beginning at page 2, line 5.

Japanese Patent Application KOKAI Publication No. 9-80315 is discussed beginning at page 3, line 11 of the present specification.

Japanese Patent Application KOKAI Publication No. 9-297267 is discussed beginning at page 4, line 2 of the present specification.



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USP 4,927,254 (Kino et al) is discussed at the middle of page 13 of the present specification. It is stated in the present specification that USP 4,927,254 discloses Nipkow's Disk.

It is respectfully submitted that the discussions in the present specification constitute an explanation of relevance of the documents submitted herewith.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner consider the documents submitted herewith and return an initialed copy of the attached Form PTO-1449 to confirm that the documents have been considered and made them of record.

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